

### Improvement of Local Beaches Will Be Asked

#### Applications For Funds Filed With the Civil Works Administration

Local bathers who bask in the waters of the Pacific at Redondo and Manhattan beaches will be assured of an improvement in the beach if the Civil Works Administration approves of two applications filed this week by the county department of recreation camps and playgrounds.

The work involves the construction of approximately 1000 feet of retaining walls to protect beach frontage, road work and terracing, at a cost of \$100,000. Two thousand feet of the proposed retaining wall would be from four to six feet high, and be built 50 feet back from the water front for the entire distance.

The slope for a distance of five feet back from the retaining wall would be rip-rapped with concrete slabs, with cement poured

### Four Cars Crash, Three Are Damaged

Three cars were badly damaged in a wreck at the intersection of Hawthorne avenue and Sepulveda boulevard on Monday, when F. Kodama, of Lomita, and Shigetomo Onuki, of Redondo Beach, figured in a head-on collision. At the same time a car driven by W. E. McElvain, 325 North Gertrude, Redondo Beach, which was following Kodama, was struck from the rear by a truck. No one was injured but all three cars were put out of commission.

#### HOUSE ENTERED

A night prowler entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bishop, 2021 Carson street, Sunday, by cutting the screen, but apparently was frightened away as nothing was missing. The icebox was opened but a fat turkey and some luscious pies were not disturbed. Judging from the tracks in the backyard the intruder departed in haste.

between them. The slope back from this would be terraced and planted with appropriate flowers and shrubs.

Approximately 200 men could be given employment upon these two beach projects, according to James K. Reid, superintendent. Plans also call for completion of a roadway, already graded, so that motorists could drive along the beach below the esplanade. Unemployed relief workers from the county welfare bureau made a start upon the improvements some time ago, Reid stated.

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### Mary Files Divorce, Goes East



Immediately after filing action for divorce against Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford left for New York City Saturday to "avoid Hollywood gossip." At the train to see "America's Sweetheart" off, was her brother-in-law, Robert Fairbanks.

#### SLIMMING DIET

Here is another of the weight reducing menus prepared for this paper by Dr. Shirley W. Wynne, commissioner of health of New York City.

Adjust the diet to your needs by taking smaller or larger portions of the food indicated in plain type. Do not change the quantities of the foods in bold face type. These are the protective foods, and must be taken as indicated.

#### BREAKFAST

- 1 large peach or pear, or 1/2 banana..... 50
- Baked cereal (1 tsp sugar and 1/2 glass milk)..... 175
- Coffee (milk instead of cream, no sugar)..... 25

#### LUNCH

- Sardine sandwich with lettuce (3 sardines)..... 150
- Baked apple with 1 tbsp. whipped cream..... 150
- 1 glass of milk..... 150

#### DINNER

- 1/4 scant cup unthickened cream of tomato soup..... 50
- Hot vegetable dinner with poached egg (1/2 cup carrots, 1/2 cup fresh or canned peas, 1/2 cup spinach, 1/2 small head cauliflower)..... 275
- Sliced pear and lettuce salad—no dressing (1/2 large fresh pear or one small pear)..... 35
- Vanilla ice cream with 2 ginger snaps or other crackers..... 140

Hot tea with lemon. Don't try to reduce too fast. A quarter of a pound a day is enough.

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### Numerous Good Roads Lead to Death Valley

Road machinery and workers of two C. C. camps established in Death Valley are now engaged in improving numerous wide roads to unique attractions of the region for the benefit of motor travel, according to a report recently received by the Automobile Club of Southern California from the new Death Valley national monument. Many new signposts are also being erected by the motorists' organization.

Adequate hotel and automobile accommodations are now available along the principal roads through Death Valley, which include the entrance routes from Baker via Death Valley Junction and that from Lone Pine via Stovepipe Wells hotel, the loop route taken over by the state for future maintenance and improvement early this year.

Death Valley is increasing in popularity as a winter resort, due to its new title as a national monument and to the innumerable rare sights and features found in the arid area. It is far from being a lifeless place, since more than 126 species of birds have been listed as residents during various seasons of the year, particularly during the winter season. Plant life is exceedingly interesting and unusual, and among mammals that have been found in the below-sea-level section of the valley are listed six species of bats, the desert kit fox, coyote, wildcat, the Mexican badger, two species of ground squirrel, three of rats, seven of mice, two of rabbits and an occasional desert big-horn is recorded as crossing the Valley from one range to another.

With paved highway to Baker or to Lone Pine, good graded road leads from these points into the heart of Death Valley and to the leading resorts. All roads throughout the area are adequately signed by the auto club to advise as to directions, poor or closed roads, good or bad waterholes, scenic and unusual attractions and occasional spots calling for caution. Club sign trucks are now in the valley, reports the organization, placing various additional signs needed and making revisions on various markers found incorrect through the road changes.

### WOMAN SOCIETY

#### METHODIST WOMAN'S AID CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas tree, baskets of poinsettias and chrysanthemums lent an atmosphere of real Christmas cheer to the party given Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of the Methodist church. Circles of the Woman's Aid Society combined their efforts to make it one of the season's prettiest affairs. Circle No. 1 supplied the Christmas menu; Circle No. 2, the program, and Circle No. 3 trimmed the tree.

Mrs. Richard Hogue, program chairman, presented the following program: Christmas carols by assembly. Federation report by Mrs. O. E. Hall. Selections by Torrance high school girls' Glee Club—"Gently Fall the Shadows," "Noel-Noel" and "Christmas Bells." Readings by Margaret Hogue—"What Shall I Give to Him" and "A Letter to Santa Claus."

Seventy ladies attended the affair and each brought a small gift for a needy family and a gift for a member of the party. Distribution of the members' gifts furnished no end of excitement. The other gifts will be placed in Christmas baskets which will be distributed Christmas eve.

#### FEDERATION CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS

The home-making division of Los Angeles Federation of Woman's Clubs has planned a Yuletide season for the enjoyment of others. Monday, December 18, a Christmas party at 1 p. m. in headquarters will be substituted for the usual conference.

December 26 to 29, inclusive, there will be open house at the Federation home, 2103 South Hobart boulevard, with Mrs. F. V. Lindsay, homemaking chairman, in charge. Tea will be served every afternoon and all are welcome to come. Members of the district board will be hostesses as well as members of the home-making division. Mrs. Raymond Rogers, home economics chairman of Torrance club, has especially requested members to visit the Federation Christmas week.

#### EDITH OLIVER HOSTESS AT BRIDGE LUNCHEON

A charming affair of Wednesday was the luncheon and bridge with which Mrs. Edith Oliver entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howell, 1317 Engracia avenue.

Red and white formed the color scheme. Covers were placed for Mesdames Willis Brooks, F. L. Parks, Alfred Gourdier, Archer Lewis, William Evans, A. Kerber, Edith Scrivner, Stella Graham, Fred Knudsen, Zada Hastie, Ina Scow, Eva Durfee, Paul Kaepfer, Tom Osborne, W. J. Howell and Edith Oliver.

Prizes at bridge were awarded to Mrs. Willis Brooks and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB DANCE AT MANDARIN

Torrance Woman's Club will hold another of their dancing parties at the Mandarin ballroom, Redondo Beach, Saturday evening, December 16. Tickets may be secured from members of the committee, Mesdames C. T. Rippey, Lon Ralston and Chas. Schultz.

#### VISITING FRIENDS

Mrs. Julia Huddleston, 1417 Cota avenue, is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen in Los Angeles.

#### BETSY ROSS MEETING

Betsy Ross Star Club will hold their regular business meeting in the Masonic temple, Monday, December 18. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock. For reservations, phone 232-M.

#### ATTEND RECITAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen, 1422 Engracia, attended a recital given by pupils of Adna Smith Flo, Sunday, December 10, in Hollywood. Mrs. Allen's niece, Miss Angeline Rodda, was the featured performer.

Miss Rodda will be remembered by the younger set in Torrance, as she, spent some time here as the guest of her aunt. The young lady has recently taken up vocal and has made astonishing progress. She appeared on Sunday's program in three groups of songs.

#### Poultry & Feed Store Opens At 1912 Carson St.

Baldwin and Fitzgerald, both well known local men, announce the opening of a new poultry and feed store, known as the National Feed & Poultry Supplies, at 1912 Carson street, corner of Cabrillo. A complete line of feeds, poultry, eggs, and bird supplies is being carried in stock, and free delivery is a part of the new store's service. Telephone number is 455.

#### PLAN INTERSTATE WRECK

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (U.P.)—Dewey Powell, grand chef de gare of the Oregon 40 and 8, announced plans for an interstate "wreck" to be held in Portland late in the winter, with February 8 as the tentative date. The event is expected to draw 40 and 8 members from California, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. The Portland venture is in charge of the affair.

### Anyhow, Lee's Okay With Isabel



What the Mexican government might think and say about Lee Tracy, film star, whose recent escapade in Mexico City brought threat of arrest and cancellation of Lee's contract, means nothing to Isabel Jewell, above, Lee's fiancée. They are reported soon to wed.

### Homemakers' Bureau

particular large ice crystals forming. With the dinner planned and the market list made out, so that there will be no last minute rushing around which will spoil the joy of the Christmas day, it's time to turn our thoughts to decorations, and if you will write to me, I'll be glad to send suggestions to you.

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If we serve turkey, the accessories might consist of oyster soup or oyster cocktail, baked sweet potatoes served with plenty of butter, and old-fashioned cranberry sauce in which the cranberries jostle each other in a crimson juice, but is a little different because of the addition of a little orange juice and rind which give it extra smartness.

Hominy grits when salted well, mixed with good butter, and served with turkey gravy can take the place of mashed potatoes very well. Some families prefer a tender roast of beef with Yorkshire pudding, in good old English style. Perfect accompaniments for this would be boiled onions, mashed potato, cinnamon apples, and, of course, plum pudding is the only possible dessert.

Other desserts that may be selected for the Christmas dinner are the usual pies (mince, pumpkin, and apple), and light sherbets such as cider, lemon and cranberry. Of these sherbets, I believe cranberry is my favorite, not only because of the flavor but also because of the bright red color which harmonizes so nicely with the rest of the Christmas decoration. This is easily made and very inexpensive.

**Cranberry Sherbet**  
4 cups cranberries  
2 1/2 cups water  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon granulated gelatin  
1/2 cup cold water  
Juice two lemons

Cook cranberries in water until they stop popping. Then strain to remove skins. Add sugar and stir well until entirely dissolved. Add the gelatin which has been soaked in one-half cup water for several minutes together with the juice of the lemons. Pour mixture into refrigerator tray, stirring occasionally, from the time it first starts to freeze in order to prevent any

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